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Prime Minister mandates no Utility price increase for now



"We sincerely lament the announcement from WEB N.V. that they are contemplating a price increase for water and electricity as of July 1st. This is simply unacceptable for us," was the expression of the Prime Minister during a recent press conference.

The Prime Minister explained that last week he was informed by WEB N.V. that in light of the continual fuel oil prices on the international market that if they did not make certain price adjustments they would encounter financial losses. Eman informed WEB that the government views any price increase with grave concern. This, he claims is because any increase will severely affect the buying power of our people in the most direct manner. It has been reported by CBS that one of the ex-

penses that is currently weighing very heavy on our citizens is that of the price of water and electricity. For those on the lowest income level, this is simply dramatic. These increases also affect the socio-economic development of Aruba.

According to the Prime Minister, ...viewed in the context of the progress of economic growth of 10% in our GDP, increase of 10% in government receipts, which are all indicative of economic growth, and unemployment down from 10% to 3%, any utility increase will adversely affect the investment climate and the climate of trust, confidence and optimism that prevails at this time.

According to Eman this positive climate is much more important than what WEB earns or loses.

The Prime Minister indicated that the government would like to explore ways in which they could play a role in the process. Perhaps this matter needs to be presented to Parliament and the government may have to create some way to avoid said increases. Let Parliament and the government decide if they will pay for the price increase in order to bring stability to the buying power and stability to the economic growth of our island. Eman said that he requested WEB to allow for this type of consideration. This should be a matter to be discussed in the upcoming National Social Dialogue scheduled for this Friday...later today.

The government has requested Price-Waterhouse & Coopers to do an analysis of exactly what financial effect WEB would experience if they maintained their price at the current level and the price of Fuel Oil stayed at the level it is today. Exactly what would be WEB's financial loss? On Tuesday night, Minister of Utilities, de Meza received the results of this analysis from Price-Waterhouse & Coopers. According to their analysis, the loss to WEB for the rest of this year if they maintained their price at the current level without any increase in the tariffs would be 36.9 million Florins.

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New Labor Office is now open for registration



ORANJESTAD -- The Department of Labor Progression DPL is preparing for a week of national registration for those in search of employment. This will facilitate those who have been looking for work. Employees of this new department will be visiting the different barrios during one solid week. Once people indicate their job search needs, DPL will attempt to match these with known vacancies. This new department is equipped with a new system for helping people find employment.

The week of registration begins Monday July 4th and will last for one week. Every day from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. these employees will be in the barrio where people can go and register for work. On Monday the 4th registration will be at Centro di Bario Tanki Leendert and Centro di Bario Playa Pabou. On Tuesday the 5th of July they will be at Club San Martin in Santa Cruz and at Centro di Bario Savaneta. Wednesday

the 6th, at Centro di Bario Noord and Club Caiquetio in Paradera. On Thursday the 7th it will be Club Boneriano in San Nicolaas and YMCA in Dakota. Friday the 8th they'll be at Centro di Bario Brasil and at the DPL building in Seroe Blanco next to the APFA building. And, the final day, July 9th they will be at Centro di Bario Lago Heights and again at Seroe Blanco in their own building next to the APFA building.

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Charity says 400 kids stuck on Italian refugee island

ROME, Italy (AFP) - More than 400 unaccompanied minors who have arrived in refugee boats in recent weeks are stranded on the Italian island of Lampedusa in unsanitary conditions, Save the Children said on Thursday.

The charity called for the government to take urgent action, saying that under Italian law refugee children should be housed in family-style communities on the mainland and not in the camps where adults are held.

"It is absolutely impossible for the minors to stay on Lampedusa any longer in these completely unsuitable conditions," Raffaella Milano, the head of Save the Children Italy's European department in Rome, said in a statement.

The group said most of the minors are 16-17 years old but some are as young as 12. It added that nearly half of them have been on the tiny island for more than a month, housed in a migrant centre and a former military base.

Some of the children in the migrant centre are sleeping in offices and on the floor in "precarious sanitary conditions," Save the Children said.

Milano called for the children to be housed in temporary accommodation in mainland Italy while waiting for more permanent housing in communities.

Strauss-Kahn back in New York court today: official

Ex-IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn will appear in a Manhattan court today for an unexpected appearance on the charges he attempted a rape of a New York hotel maid, officials said.

"No details about this appearance will be available after the defendant appeared in court tomorrow," said the statement from the Manhattan District Attorney's office Thursday.

The former French finance minister had not been expected back in court until July 18.

Earlier Thursday, French newspaper Liberation, citing Strauss-Kahn's defense lawyers, said he was likely to challenge the legality of the identification line-up that took place a day after his May 14 arrest, where the then-IMF director had been picked out by the alleged victim.

Guatemala first lady appeals presidential bid ruling

GUATEMALA CITY, (AFP) - Guatemalan officials on Thursday said they appealed a court ruling that disqualifies First Lady Sandra Torres from running for the presidency following her divorce from President Alvaro Colom.

The saga kicked off in April when Guatemalan courts approved their divorce, which raised a wave of criticism by opponents who called it a cynical attempt to circumvent a constitutional ban on a president being succeeded by his or her

spouse.

Fifteen legal challenges were filed attempting to block the divorce, but they were rejected by the courts. On Wednesday, however, the top court in the Central American nation tossed out the first lady's candidacy.

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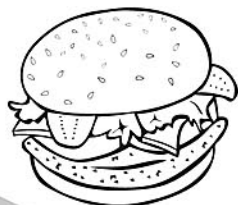
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This amount obviously must be put into perspective.

One thing is clear, the government does not approve of WEB's announcement and of any eventual increase of the tariffs of water or electricity. Eman condemned this action and labeled it as irresponsible for a company to simply sit in an office and with a calculator decide to shift any price

increase to the citizen to pay for it. That modus operandi he stated emphatically is a thing of the past for any state owned company in Aruba.

We can no longer consider a company a state owned enterprise if their decisions are made purely on a commercial basis, says Aruba's Prime Minister.

Dutch interior minister argues for burqa ban

--"You can't walk down the street naked either. That is the result of our norms about decent behaviour. The Netherlands also has norms which make it advisable to ban clothing which covers your face."

Interior Minister Piet-Hein Donner was speaking during a debate about his integration bill, which would introduce a ban on burqas. Not for security reasons but because "in our society you have to be able to see each other".

One of the main themes of the bill is a shift from the current 'target group' approach to holding individuals responsible for their own integration. Although parliament generally supported this, the min-

ister himself was subject to a great deal of criticism from the opposition.

Minister Donner was accused of simply attempting to please the Geert Wilders' anti-Islamic Freedom Party, on which the coalition depends for support. The Labour Party's Marcel van Dam commented, "He's torn between what he believes and what he has to say to placate his support partner."

Minister Donner replied that the politicians should have more faith in social processes.

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Gold Coast Empresario Rudy Croes with ATA CEO Ronella and her husband Elvis

A sleek, stylish event by Aruban party planner extraordinaire, Fernando Mansur, featured an elegant fashion show of Adolfo Dominguez designs,



the newest name brand shop in this upscale mall, but the real show was among the gathering of island glitterati attending this inaugural event.

Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor,

Otmar Oduber, was afforded the honor of being the first to enter the AIS headquarters, complementing co-founders Ronchi de Cuba, Eveline Wever and in abstentia, Damalice Mansur, in their successful efforts to organize this exciting fashion festival that will take place November 3 through 6. Staff members of the Aruba Tourism Authority, which is the major sponsor of



Event Planner Fernando Mansur

this event, joined their CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes as the next to admire the appropriately stylish center for the upcoming fashion week.

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King of the Groove DJ Yeimy entertained the crowd from early evening accompanied, live, by percussion legend Jeremy Bonarriba, then at midnight Aruba's most popular radio personality, Ruben "Scorpio" Garcia took over the DJ console-controls for one hour of evergreen disco Goldies.

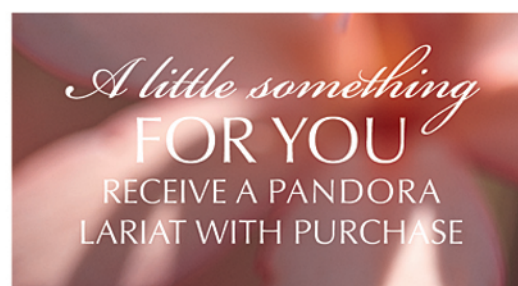
Scorpio was the king of nightlife on the island in the 80s when he spun his special brand of dance tracks at Scorpio's Disco, a hot and happy-

ning night-club at Surfside, now the home of Nikki Beach.

The magic of the 80s was brought back for just one night when Scorpio put his headphones on, playing his favorite retro hits, rocking the Zissles dance-floor while the bar poured champagne like water.

Those standing on the second floor wraparound VIP lounge sipping Moët and Chandon Rose and munching on delicious hors d'oeuvres enjoyed the panoramic view of the dance-floor below, filled with uninhibited, funky guys and gals, on-fire, dancing like no-body's watching.

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NEW YORK CITY - Flights at John F. Kennedy International Airport were delayed shortly on Wednesday when about 150 diamondback terrapin turtles were spotted crossing a runway, authorities said.

The reptiles were trying to get to the other side of the runway to lay eggs on the sandy shores of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, which borders the airport.

Ron Marsico, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which oversees operation of the region's airports, pilots from Jet Blue and other airlines halted their flights to let the expectant reptiles pass.

"Flight delays attributed to turtles were minor, about 15 minutes or so," he said.

Port Authority staff rushed out to the tarmac where, between takeoffs and landings,

they scooped up the turtles and helped them on their way.

Naturalists said the 185-acre Jamaica Bay may be the diamondback's most popular breeding ground in North America.

"It happens every year at about this time. It's the great migration, and this is the peak

of the season," he said.

Flights were rerouted to another runway, as waves of turtles pressed on with their march to the bay.

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Premier Wen Jiabao declared the link "in operation" at Beijing South rail station before boarding the first sleek-nosed white train that took passengers to Shanghai, the country's commercial hub, in less than five hours.

The line, which has been operating on a trial basis since mid-May, halves the rail journey time between the country's two main cities and could hurt airlines on the busy route plagued by delays and cancellations.

The fast link, which has been hit by safety concerns and graft, is opening a year

ahead of schedule and will be able to carry 80 million passengers a year -- double the current capacity on the 1,318-kilometre (820-mile) route.

"It could play a transformational role in shaping the future economic dynamics in coastal China... by creating more spillover effects to regions lying along the sprawling high-speed railway line," Ren Xianfang, an analyst at IHS Global Insight, told AFP.

But for the airline industry, the impact could be "destructive", she warned.

One-way train ticket prices will cost 410-1,750 yuan (\$63-\$270) subject to further adjustments, vice rail minister Hu Yadong said this month, compared with about 1,300 yuan for a flight.

In response, airlines have slashed some prices by up to 65 percent to below the cost of the cheapest high-speed rail ticket, state media said Wednesday, citing travel website ctrip.com.

Frederic Campagnac, general manager of transport and logistics consultancy Clevy China, nevertheless believes the fast link will

have a positive impact on airlines by forcing operators to be on time.

It will "put pressure on the airlines to keep more on their schedule," Campagnac said.

Work on the high-speed railway started in April 2008 with a planned investment of 220.9 billion yuan.

China is spending heavily on its high-speed rail network, which spanned 8,358 kilometres at the end of 2010 and is expected to exceed 13,000

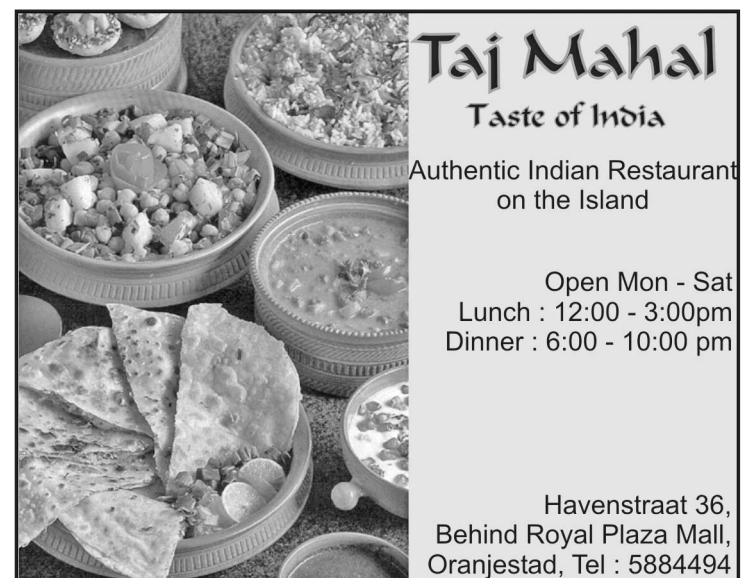
kilometres by 2012 and 16,000 kilometres by 2020.

The railway ministry has said the trains would run between 250 and 300 kilometres per hour on the new link, which is designed for a maximum speed of 380 kph.

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UN peacekeepers brought cholera to Haiti: study



UN peacekeepers from Nepal brought the strain of cholera to Haiti responsible for an epidemic that has killed 5,500 people, according to a study published by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study is the first to establish a direct link between the arrival of the Nepalese UN battalion near the small town of Mirebalais and the cholera epidemic that erupted in mid-

October 2010.

In New York, UN acting deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said the agency was "aware of the report and as with other prior reports, we will study its findings diligently."

The research, led by a group of French doctors, appeared in the CDC's July issue of "Emerging Infectious Diseases."

"There was an exact correlation in time and places between the arrival of a Nepalese battalion from an area experiencing a cholera outbreak and the appearance of the first cases in Meille a few days after," write the eight authors of the report.

"The remoteness of Meille in central Haiti and the absence of report of other incomers make it unlikely that a cholera strain might have been

brought there another way," they added.

The cholera outbreak's long-suspected connection to the Nepalese troops provoked bloody anti-UN riots in the country in November that led to two deaths.

Cholera is rare in Haiti -- last year's outbreak was the first in more than a century -- and came as a surprise to country health officials.

The disease is caused by bacteria spread in contaminated water or food, often through feces. If untreated, it can kill within a day through dehydration, with the old and the young the most vulnerable.

Since the outbreak began, Haiti's Ministry of Health has recorded 5,506 deaths and 363,117 diagnosed cholera cases.

Egyptian seeds may have caused E. coli outbreak: agencies

Fenugreek seeds exported from Egypt to France and Germany may have caused an E. coli outbreak that has killed 48 people in Europe, the European Food Safety Authority said.

A "rapid risk assessment" conducted by the EFSA and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), "has thus far shown" that Egyptian seeds exported in 2009 and 2010 may be implicated, it said in a statement.

"There is still much uncertainty about whether this is truly the common cause of all the infections as there are currently no positive bacteriological results," it stressed.

At least 48 people have died from an outbreak of a killer strain of E. coli bacteria centred in Germany, blamed on organic vegetable sprouts.

There has also been a separate outbreak in France



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linked by the government to a British sprout company in which 10 people were taken ill.

Sweden say it had detected the first case of infection in someone who had no link to Germany.

All the deaths so far were in Germany, except for a woman in Sweden who died

after being infected in Germany.

The statement said the 2009 lot appears to be linked to the outbreak in France, and the 2010 lot to that in Germany.

"This link does not explain the most recent case in Sweden, currently under investigation, and in which thus far no consumption of sprouts has been implicated."

The agencies said they had requested an urgent probe of the distribution of seeds from the two lots through Germany and Europe.

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17 babies dies at Indian hospital

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The infants died over a period of just 36 hours in the state-run hospital in Kolkata, the capital of the eastern Indian state.

"This is a very sad incident," said chief minister Mamata Banerjee. "We have ordered an inquiry into the unusual deaths."

Around 400 people, including angry parents of the dead children, protested outside the hospital and clashed with baton-wielding police.

The hospital can accommodate 360 children, but is generally overcrowded, with many infants and young children forced to sleep on the floor because of the lack of beds.

Hospital principal Mrinal Kanti Chattopadhyay acknowledged that the number of deaths in such a short period was unusual, but denied that the hospital was at fault.

"They were all admitted in critical condition. Some had a low birth weight and others were suffering from severe septicemia or asphyxia," Chattopadhyay said.

"We tried our best to revive them, but all our attempts were in vain," he added.

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Aruba has always had one of the most difficult environments in which to grow plants, trees and flowers. Only the truly devoted and "talented" hands would take the hours required for daily watering and feeding to reap the pleasures for all to enjoy.

But Mother Nature managed against the odds of a consistent arid climate, strong salt-laden winds, and very poor soil to produce some remarkable species, some with blooms of astonishing colors.

She sent centuries of trade winds to bring seeds across the oceans and seas to rest on our shores.

The large kibrahacha tree puts forth bright and beautiful yellow flowers, but only for a



Still to ripen grapes hanging from the tree

where this way because it "loves Aruba".

The low annual rainfall gives cacti the edge growing in all heights,

will burst into a profusion of yellow flowers eagerly visited by nectar loving insects



The Kibrahacha

limited number of days each year in May and June when the hillsides around Hooiberg, Arikok and Yamamota burst forth in a riot of color.

Rich purple grapes from Seagrape tree are commonly found along the coastlines. Mangrove trees form a green oasis along the leeward side in Saveneta and Pos Chiquito around Spanish Lagoon.

The Shimarucu, the West Indian cherry tree, provides delicious fruit rich in Vitamin C which the children of Aruba can spot at the moment of their perfect taste.

The Divi-Divi tree always points to the southwest because of the tradewinds which curve it into a shade tree. According to "those who know" it won't grow else-



Shimarucu, the West Indian cherry tree

widths, shapes and wherever it wants. Surviving on food stored in carrot-shaped roots, one

and birds. The plants then die and giving birth to hundreds of miniature plants sprouting on its branches. When the huge stalk topples to earth the plantlets fall to the ground and begin to grow; the cycle starts again

species flowers like buttercups after a rain along with pink patches vine. Certain cacti are edible and were sliced and roasted in underground by the first Indian settlers. The sap was collected and made into an alcoholic beverage called "coecui" It is still made today in beverage plants.

The mature Century plants during December start pushing up their single green stalks that grow about a half a foot a day and may reach 30 feet. After about 7 days, they



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Aruba in Style Fashion Week . . .

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This long-weekend soiree of runway shows, celebrity cocktail parties, premier DJ events, styling sessions and insider collection-reveals has the cache for which Aruba is ideally suited. Peter Levy, SVP and Managing Director, IMG Fashion Worldwide stated he considers the partnership a "fantastic opportunity for IMG. We have often looked towards this region as a place where a strong, global fashion event could take place and were lucky enough to find creative thinkers in the ATA and Aruba Fashion Group who shared our vision for something both sophisticated, cool, and distinctly Aruban."

An open air reception around the Renaissance pool deck sponsored by Aruba



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Trading Company featured a celebratory toast of Veuve Clicquot and music by Jairo Boekhoudt and Acoustic Soul.

In every way, it was a fabulous preview of the event to come.

by Rosalie Klein

Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa conducts their annual "Health Week"



Recently, the Health Committee organized the 7th consecutive annual health week for all Manchebo resort employees. During the week, staff members from all departments participated in various activities, including lectures by Mrs. Sonia Kappel of the Department of Health and Ms. Carol Stamper of the White Yellow Cross.

Personnel of the White Yellow Cross checked blood pressure, sugar level and cholesterol of employees as well as Manchebo management. Oduber & Kan provided eye examinations.

Arikok National Park rangers guided the participants for a health walk from the park to the Spaans Lagoen bridge, a

very extensive route filled with interesting information regarding Aruba's natural environment. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a succulent BBQ at Young Fellow Restaurant.

The Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa closed off the week with a Zumba session under the direction of Miss Dennise Krozendijk, who gave the participants a tremendous workout. The day finished with a night session of bowling at Palm Beach Plaza.

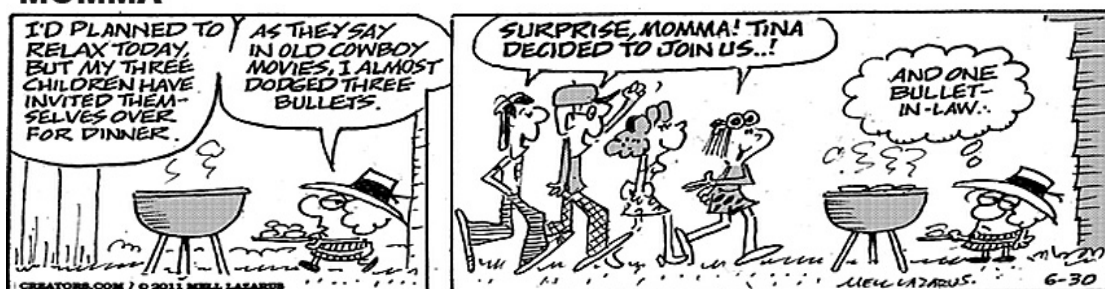
Manchebo Health Committee believes in encouraging camaraderie and good relations among its staff, which can be assisted by jointly participating in a program aimed towards a healthy body and mind.

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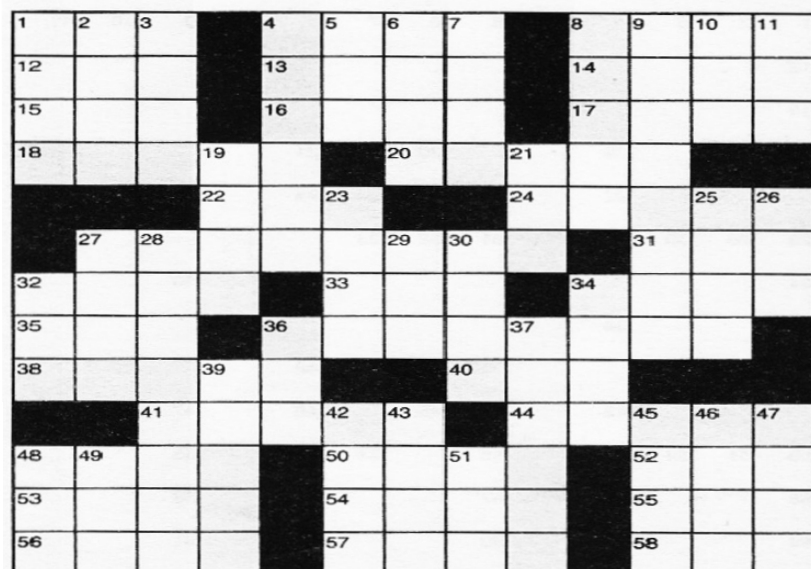
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33. Onassis's nickname
34. Actor Estrada
35. Broadcast
36. Trash masher
38. Out of cash
40. Dip in liquid
41. Rice ___ (side dish)
44. Losing battery power
48. Actor Baldwin
50. Distribute
52. ___ Ami
53. Security

54. Paddock dweller
55. Once ___ blue moon (2 wds.)
56. Wayside spots
57. Canonized females (abbr.)
58. Dawn droplets

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2. Verdi opera
3. Wild hog
4. Harmony
5. "Pooh" character
6. Cream of the

7. Broker's advice
8. Biblical food
9. And so on (2 wds.)
10. King, in Paris
11. Mommy's three
19. Necklace part
21. Imitate
23. Jai ___
25. Work
26. Pen filler
27. Will beneficiary
28. German, e.g.
29. Tax agcy.
30. Pinches
32. Wonderful, Beatles-style
34. Catch sight of
36. Biden's home state (abbr.)
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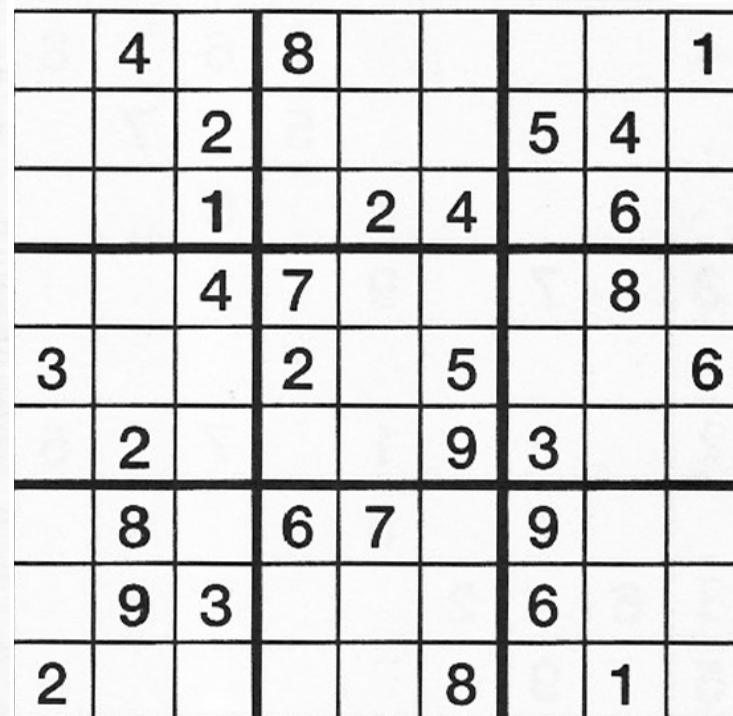
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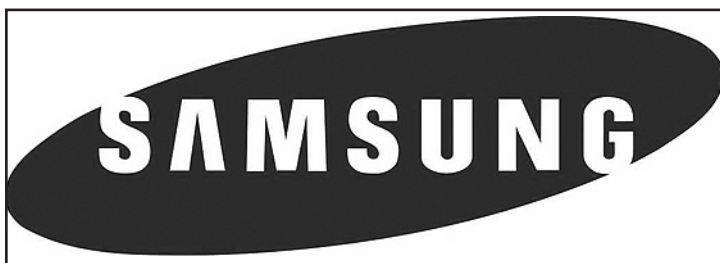
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Finance

Samsung seeks US import ban on Apple products



South Korea's Samsung Electronics said Thursday it had asked the US International Trade Commission to ban the import of Apple products into the United States, expanding its patent war with the US giant.

The ITC has been urged to stop Apple shipping its popular iPods, iPhones and iPads into the US market from where they are manufactured, a Samsung spokesman said.

It accuses Apple of breaching five patents related to wireless communications standards and mobile device user interface.

"The complaint requests relief in the form of a permanent exclusion order prohibiting entry to the United States of all Apple products in violation of these patents," Samsung said in a statement.

"Samsung will continue to actively defend our intellectual property in order to serve our customers and to ensure our

continued innovation and leadership in the mobile communication business."

The latest action escalated legal wrangling between the world's two fastest growing smartphone makers.

The tussle began when Apple filed suit against Samsung in April in San Francisco, accusing the Korean firm of copying its smartphones and tablet computers.

Samsung responded later that month with a lawsuit in Seoul alleging five patent infringements by Apple. It filed separate actions in Tokyo, citing two patent infringements, and in the German city of Mannheim citing three.

Last week Apple lodged a second lawsuit against Samsung with a district court in Seoul, asking for a sales ban on Samsung's latest products. It accused them of copying the iPhone and iPad.

Samsung's Galaxy Tab has

been a huge-selling rival to the iPad, which has dominated the growing market for the touch-screen devices.

Despite their prickly competition in finished products, the two firms have a close business relationship.

Apple was Samsung's second-largest client in 2010 after Japan's Sony, accounting for four percent of the South Korean firm's 155 trillion won (\$142 billion) annual revenue.

Swiss to make the super-rich pay more taxes

The Swiss government decided to make wealthy foreigners pay more taxes, but refused to scrap lumpsum tax deals aimed at attracting the rich to the Alpine nation. Switzerland has been under sharp criticism, particularly from neighbouring countries, for its long-standing tradition of offering tax deals to attract wealthy people here. The basic prerequisite of lumpsum taxation is that the individual must not work in Switzerland and celebrities who have taken advantage of the deals are many. Under the revised rules, Switzerland would raise the taxable base sum from five times to seven times the rental value of the individual's home.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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LONDON, England - Hundreds of thousands of British public sector workers went on strike Thursday to defend their pensions, causing widespread disruption to schools and state-run services. A third of English schools were closed and another third were affected, officials said, as up to 350,000 teachers, lecturers and education staff took action against plans to make them work longer and pay more into their pensions. But the unions say they have already accepted pension reforms over the past decade and accuse ministers of pushing through new changes without negotiation. Thousands of strikers marched through central London on Thursday, brandishing banners calling for "Fair Pensions for All" and "Education Cuts Never Heal", and around 80 further demonstrations were held in towns around the country.



A deal to push long-stalled US free trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama through Congress crumbled Thursday as Republicans blocked a key session in a dispute over aid to workers. The White House announced this week it had reached a compromise with lawmakers to move ahead on the trade pacts and fund through 2014 a program that offers health care and retraining to US workers who lose jobs to overseas markets. But Republicans boycotted a hearing of the Senate Finance Committee.

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger



Aaron and Manager Marc Anthony

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S. franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers—the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet



cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way—with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner — daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters,

caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for

homes come with cable TV, high-speed fiber-optic Internet connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee.



parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All

Concierge services to arrange rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package.

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William and Catherine make Canadian debut



Britain's Prince William and his wife Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge arrive at Ottawa's Macdonald-Catier Intl Airport

OTTAWA, Canada—Prince William and new bride Princess Catherine arrived in Canada Thursday for their international debut as Britain's royal golden couple, hoping star power will win skeptical

official engagement on foreign soil.

Thousands desperate to glimpse the 29-year-old newlyweds lined the streets of Ottawa ahead of a wreath-laying

Canadians over to the monarchy.

William and Kate, her dark hair blowing in the wind, stepped off the plane under overcast skies to be greeted by dignitaries before rushing off to their first

ceremony at a World War I memorial.

While Prince William has plenty of experience of royal duties, his wife -- known until recently as Kate Middleton -- is still a rookie in the public eye.

At the start of the nine-day tour of the key British Commonwealth nation, Princess Catherine was to have an immediate chance to show she had learnt the ropes, meeting and greeting the gathering throng after the ceremony.

Prince William's great-grandparents King George VI and Queen Elizabeth unveiled the memorial in 1939 and established a new tradition with the first royal walkabout, stopping to chat with some in the 100,000-strong crowd.

Underwear shortage at US prison



ILLINOIS—A clothing shortage is forcing inmates in at

least one prison in the US state of Illinois to wear the same underwear several days in a row, causing a health and hygiene concern, a watchdog group has said.

During a recent visit to the Taylorville Correctional Centre, the John Howard Association found that inmates wore dirty and badly worn

clothes that were washed twice a week, The Bloomington Pantagraph newspaper reported.

The prison in central Illinois issues each inmate only two pairs of underwear, which means they must be worn for multiple days without washing. Inmates were once also given a new set of clothes every six months, a practice that no longer happens.

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Prince Albert's wedding still a go!



The report that Charlene Wittstock, the South African fiancée of Prince Albert II of Monaco, might be having second thoughts about their wedding today was strongly denied yesterday by the palace, and Wittstock soon appeared in public with Albert in Monaco to demonstrate the wedding was still on. It's the first wedding of a reigning prince in Monaco since Albert's late parents, Hollywood icon Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier, married in a glittering ceremony more than 50 years ago. Today's civil ceremony and Saturday's religious ceremony will be in Monaco's palace, a Renaissance palazzo that's been home to the principality's ruling Grimaldi dynasty for centuries.

Lindsay Lohan Parties after House Arrest Lifted

LOS ANGELES — Lindsay Lohan celebrated completing her 35-day stint under house arrest by hitting the Hollywood social scene into the early hours of Thursday.

The former child star even stumbled as she headed for her car -- but this time, blinding camera flashes rather than alcohol were to blame. Lohan, 24, appeared to be drinking non-alcoholic sodas throughout the night before leaving around 2:00am.

But "her focus right now is resuming her community service obligation," her spokesman Steve Honig told NewsCore. "She is really eager to fulfill that obligation. She takes it very seriously."

Lohan is now set to begin community service at a homeless shelter and a morgue.

She was placed under home confinement at her Los Angeles condominium, in lieu of 120 days in jail, after pleading no contest to misdemeanor theft in May -- a violation of her probation for a 2007 DUI charge. She was deemed eligible to serve her sentence at home due to jail overcrowding.



But Lohan is not yet in the clear. She now needs to dedicate 360 hours to helping at a homeless shelter for women and doing 120 hours of janitorial work at the Los Angeles County morgue as part of her plea deal.

Despite the work still ahead, Lohan will travel to New York to celebrate her 25th birthday with her family Saturday, E! News reported. She is also rumored to be among the guests invited to the "L.A. Takes Over the Hamptons" party that day.

"I want to be in nyc," she tweeted earlier this week, alluding to her longing to be back in the Big Apple.

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River relegation talk of the town among Argentines

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina stars may be plotting the demise of Bolivia in today's opening Copa America fixture - but it is the relegation of emblematic club River Plate which has been the chief topic of conversation in recent days.

Even the arrival of European-based megastars such as Lionel Messi and Carlos Tevez has not been able to distract fans from the shock of River's demise last Sunday as they went down for the first time in their 110-year history, amid tears and scenes of violent mayhem.

The Buenos Aires team are Argentina's most successful club with 33 championships to their name, and their rivalry with Boca Juniors, based in the same city, is one of the most intense in all sport - but they will not meet in the league next season after River lost a two-legged play-off against lowly Cordoba outfit Belgrano.

The Primera B side had won the first leg 2-0, meaning River Plate had to win by two clear goals to stay up under the play-off system rules, but could only draw 1-1, sending the Millionaires, whose president is 1978 world Cup-winning skipper Daniel Passarella, down.

Argentines are fanatical about their club football and many are incredulous at what has happened to River.

The media also have focused on the story, making the run-up to the 43rd Copa a fairly tepid affair by comparison.

Supporters went on the rampage, leading to some 70 people being hurt and around 100 arrests at the club's Monumental stadium.

Pictures of the unrest went around the globe at the worst possible time for the image of the Argentinian game, given that it is hosting the Copa final on July 24.



Argentina ready for the big kickoff

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"No, we have a different coach, the squad has been revamped. It's a new group, with new goals to achieve."

The former Liverpool star had earlier praised Batista as someone who "has very clear ideas and is able to pass them on."

After much bickering between Maradona and the Argentina Football Association (AFA), whose head, Julio Grondona, is scarcely a personal friend of the Pibe de Oro (golden boy), the AFA turned to Batista as the man to spark a revival in fortunes.

He has the kudos of having engineered the 2008 Beijing Games win and now will expect to steer a path past the Bolivians - generally continental minnows but who did nonetheless thrash their rivals 6-1 in a World Cup qualifier, albeit at altitude in La Paz.

Next up will be Colombia and Costa Rica, completing a group the hosts ought to win with something to spare if only for their firepower of Messi, Carlos Tevez, Gonzalo Higuain and Juventus target Sergio Aguero, as well as the wily Angel Di Maria.

Friendly form is unlikely to prove much of a guide - but if recent outings are anything to go by Argentina are somewhat schizophrenic. Batista recorded early wins over both Spain and Brazil but those successes were followed by losses to Nigeria and Poland.

More pertinently, Argentina are desperate to prevent a Brazil hat-trick on their own soil, having lost the past two finals to the auriverde, who start their Group B campaign Sunday against Venezuela and later meet Paraguay and Ecuador.

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Group B

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Paraguay
Ecuador
Venezuela

Group C

Uruguay
Chile
Mexico (invitee)
Peru

Hosts must play to Messi strengths - Mascherano



BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina skipper Javier Mascherano says the two-time world and 14-time South American champions must try to play to Lionel Messi's strengths at the Copa America.

Mascherano says if Argentina can harness Barcelona team-mate Messi's full range of talents then they can send their rivals packing.

"When you have the best player in the world on your team then you have to make use of that," Mascherano told Argentine daily Clarin in an interview published on Thursday.

"It's not such a bad thing to be depending on the best there is."

High-profile Sharapova, low-ley Kvitova in final



Sharapova (L), Kvitova

LONDON (AFP) - Maria Sharapova, the rejuvenated glamour girl of women's tennis, will take on low-profile Czech player Petra Kvitova in the Wimbledon title showdown after two scrappy semi-finals on Thursday.

Russian fifth seed Sharapova, the 2004 champion, outgunned German wildcard Sabine Lisicki 6-4, 6-3 while eighth-seeded Kvitova reached her first Grand Slam final with a 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 win over Belarusian fourth seed Victoria Azarenka.

World number 62 Lisicki, who had stunned second seeded French Open champion Li Na in the second round, was always in trouble after her powerful serve deserted her midway through the first set.

"It's amazing to be back in the final at Wimbledon, it's been a while," a delighted Sharapova said.

"I'm really happy even though I didn't play my best tennis today," added Sharapova, who totted up 13 double-faults during a patchy display.

"To be in the final is a great achievement for me but I still feel like I've got more to do. I hadn't been past the fourth round in a few years. So to be at this stage, I'm just thrilled to have the opportunity to go for it."

Sharapova, who will be

chasing a fourth Grand Slam title in Saturday's final, got off to a horrendous start on Centre Court, double-faulting twice in her opening service game as Lisicki surged into a 2-0 lead.

Lisicki, regularly clocking serves timed at 120mph, held to go 3-0 up and soon had Sharapova struggling in the next game.

The Russian favourite saved a crucial break point which would have put Lisicki 4-0 up before eventually holding to remain in touch at 3-1.

From that point on, Lisicki's suspect second serve was always being ruthlessly exploited by the Russian as the German's challenge wilted.

The gallant German, whose ranking once slumped to 218 after missing five months of the season last year with a crippling ankle injury, secured a later break in the eighth game to delay the inevitable.

But Sharapova broke again to claim the win leaving Lisicki, only the second wildcard to make the semi-finals, with the consolation of knowing that she will be back in the top 30 on Monday.

Kvitova, the first Czech since Jana Novotna in 1998 to make the title match, is also the first left-hander to reach the final since her childhood inspiration Martina Navratilova in 1990.

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Talks resume in gridiron shutdown

MINNEAPOLIS (AFP) - National Football League club owners and players resumed negotiations on a new collective bargaining deal on Thursday, day 107 of a lock-out that threatens the start of training camps.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and players' lead negotiator DeMaurice Smith met alongside team owners, players and a federal mediator even as they were poised to be joined in a deadlock by their basketball counterparts.

NBA commissioner David Stern said his league was expecting to lock out NBA

players when their union deal expires just after midnight on Friday morning.

While the NBA claims only eight of 30 teams are not making money, the NFL is at odds with players over how to divide \$9.3 billion in annual revenues from the most popular American spectator sport.

The first NFL work stoppage since 1987 is preventing trades and free agency signings as well as team contact, with draft choices and players unable to work out at team facilities or communicate with coaches.

Jeter set to resume milestone chase on Monday

NEW YORK (AFP) - New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, out since June 13 with a strained right calf, is set to return to the Major League Baseball club on Monday and resume his quest to reach 3,000 career hits.

Jeter, the Yankees captain, said on Thursday he will play rehabilitation games for developmental league clubs this weekend and return to the Yankees on Monday for three games in Cleveland.

"It takes a little while to get loose and get in baseball shape," Jeter said. "I feel good now. I feel a lot better."

Jeter, who turned 37 last Sunday, remains six hits shy of becoming the 28th major league player to reach 3,000 hits, but the first to do so with the Yankees.

If Jeter does not reach the milestone in Cleveland, he would have the chance to do it in New York against Tampa Bay on July 7-10.

After that will be a break for the Major League Baseball All-Star Game and then an eight-game Yankee road trip.

Jeter is hitting .260 with two home runs and 20 runs batted in this season.



Germany, France into World Cup quarter-finals



Elodie Thomis (hidden) of France celebrates her team's fourth goal with team mates

DUSSELDORF (AFP) - European sides Germany and France booked the first two quarter-final spots in the women's World Cup from

Group A on Thursday, eliminating Nigeria and Canada in contrasting fashion.

France over-ran CONCACAF champions Canada 4-0

in Bochum to assure their first ever place in the final eight, before defending champions Germany spluttered to a 1-0 win over Nigeria in Frankfurt.

A double from Gaetane Thiney (24, 60) and second-half goals from Camille Abily (66) and Elodie Thomis (83) gave France a maximum six points from two games to take top spot in the group.

Germany, also on maximum points, struggled to impose themselves against a battling Nigerian side, however, until midfielder Simone Laudehr scored the crucial goal after 54 minutes.

The stage is now set for a much-anticipated clash between the French and Germans in their final group game in front of 50,000 spectators in Moenchengladbach next Tuesday, with top spot in Group A at stake.

"It's among the two matches which count the most in the history of French women's football, after qualification for the 2003 World Cup," said France coach Bruno Bini.

"But we haven't obtained our goal yet. We're savouring this one. It's well deserved, the girls took the match by the scruff of the neck. A World Cup quarter-final, that warms the heart."

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Argentina ready for the big kickoff

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina hope to take the first step today to ending a trophy drought of almost two decades when they meet Bolivia in their opening Copa America pool match at La Plata outside Buenos Aires.

Argentinian fans have ridden a dizzy rollercoaster in recent years.

On the positive side, they have seen their youngsters capture two consecutive Olympic crowns and live in hope that the greatest current player in the world, Lionel Messi, can finally this summer transfer his effervescent Barcelona form to the national shirt.

On the negative side, the seniors struggled to qualify for last summer's World Cup in South Africa. Having finally got there under the passionate but controversial tutelage of former idol Diego Maradona, they shone brightly enough in the group phase only to be flattened by Germany thereafter.

That heralded the start of the post-Maradona era under Sergio Batista, likewise a member of the 1986 World Cup-winning side.

Since those heady days, a 1990 final loss to the Germans aside, Argentina have struggled to find a winning blend either at world or in-

deed continental level.

Their 1993 Copa final win, courtesy of a Gabriel Batistuta double over Mexico, remains the team's last senior honour.

Even that triumph was a seat-of-the-pants affair with penalty shootout wins in the quarters over Brazil and then Colombia in the semis.

Since then the slate has been blank, hence the imperative to bring some cheer back to the home fans - many still digesting the shock relegation of River Plate, 33-times national champions but just relegated for the first time.

Batista will have felt that shock demise as much as anyone having won the title with the club 21 years ago.

Now the feeling is the squad can end the drought, says skipper and Barcelona stalwart Javier Mascherano.

"We're at home, in our own country, and that adds spice. Argentina must win to return to the top of the podium," Mascherano told reporters.

"It's a long time since we won a title."

Asked if there was unfinished business to attend to after their World Cup implosion against the Germans, Mascherano was adamant.

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Pakistan slated to tour India in 2012

MUMBAI (AFP) - Pakistan have been pencilled in to tour India for a full series of Test and one-day cricket matches next year, in what would be a breakthrough in relations that were hit by the deadly 2008 Mumbai attacks.

The International Cricket

Council governing body's latest Future Tours Programme shows that the two South Asian rivals could play three Tests and five one-day internationals in March and April 2012.

India is designated as the host of the series, but an ICC

spokesman told AFP on Thursday that the list was provisional and indicated that the matches were likely to be played at a neutral venue.

Any series would be organised entirely by both countries' governing bodies, he added.

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